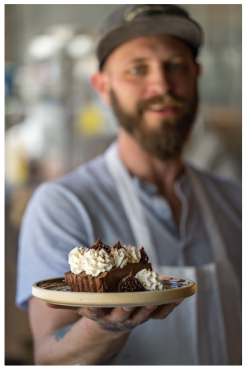
OUR FAVORITE RESTAURANTS



Metro Diner

180 Inverness Plaza, Birmingham, AL 35242
2050 Gadsden Highway, Birmingham, AL 35242

Metro Diner stays true to its humble roots with must-try comfort food like Fried Chicken & Waffles and the famous Iron City Meatloaf (as featured on Guy Fieri's Diners, Drive-ins and Dives).

Favorite Dish: Chicken and Waffles

MIKE GUNN, *Senior Vice President, Sales*

Bottega Restaurant & Cafe

2240 Highland Ave. S, Birmingham, AL 35205

An elegant blend of Italian and other Mediterranean cuisine, with daily specials and seasonal menus.

Why I love it: The seasonal menu is fabulous, plus you can always count on seeing someone you know while you're there. It is definitely a place to see and be seen!

HEIDI SOLTYS, *Sales Manager*

Yo' Mama's

2328 2nd Avenue N, Birmingham, AL 35203

This local hot spot features freshmade, counter-serve chicken & waffles, along with other Southern eats for breakfast & lunch.

Why I love it: Yo' Mama's is special to me because it reminds me of my grandmother cooking. The warm feeling I get when I enter the restaurant takes me back to my days at my grandmother's table with the smell of the soul food cooking and the vide from the staff. It feels like I am at my Big Mama's house when I go there.

CYNTHIA FULLER, *Sales Manager*

Sitar Indian Cuisine

1801 4th Ave S, Birmingham, AL 35233

Sitar Indian Cuisine is an authentic Indian restaurant in Birmingham offering south Asian cuisines since 2001.

Favorite Dish: The best Samosas I've ever had!

SAMANTHA PUGH, *Senior Convention Services Manager*

Lé Fresca

2218 2nd Ave N, Birmingham, AL 35203

Lé Fresca brings the taste of Northern Italy to Birmingham, with a wide variety of Italian cuisine (including handmade pasta), imported pizza oven, full bar & wine.

Why I love it: I love the atmosphere, as well as the friendly and professional manner of the staff, from the owner down. They make their own pasta daily and change it seasonally. Their tiramisu is to die for.

STEVE PIERSON, *Director of Sales*

Bettola

2901 2nd Ave. S, #150, Birmingham, AL 35233

A casual Italian restaurant with a variey of Antipasto, Fresh Organic Salads, Flat Bread Sandwiches and Pizza.

Favorite Dish: The Pollo Pomodoro Panini is one of my favorite lunch treats and the Chocolate Budino is the best dessert in Birmingham... in my opinion.

CARMAN ATCHISON, *Sales Manager*

Dreamland BBQ

1427 14th Ave. S., Birmingham, AL 35205

Why I love it: A must!!! Once I moved to Birmingham, all I heard was eat at Dreamland! Boy, was I impressed....the tender, juicy ribs, baked beans and you cannot go wrong with the Homemade Banana Pudding!

SHERETHA YARBER, Director of Convention Services

Johnny's

2902 18th Street South, Suite 200, Homewood, AL 35209

Often referred to as a "Greek and Three," Johnny's features true southern staples with a heavy Greek influence served in the style of a traditional meat and three.

Favorite Dish: Chicken Pot Pie

COURTNEY INGERSOLL, *Sales Manager*

O'Carr's Restaurant

2909 18th St S, Homewood, AL 35209

Why I love it: This is truly that iconic "Mom & Pop" atmosphere where the food is a literally an art piece. It is always so fresh and delicious, and they have the most delicious chicken salad! I also love to try their daily soups during the colder months.

Favorite Dish: Chicken Salad and Fruit Plate

ERIN SLOAN, *Destination Experience Manager*

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The Fish Market Southside

612 22nd Street South, Birmingham, AL 35233

A premier seafood market and dining experience in Birmingham. Featuring regional seafood and fish prepared with a Greek twist served in a nautical themed atmosphere. The restaurant features an oyster bar, and they have seating for almost 400 in both indoor and outdoor dining rooms.

My favorite dish: Baked Oysters Dino and the Bam Bam shrimp.

SHERYL ELLIS, *Tourism Sales Managers*

Olive Branch Mediterranean Cuisine

3236 Cahaba Heights Road, Birmingham, AL 35243

Olive Branch is a family-owned restaurant they offer choices of Mediterranean and American cuisine with the specialty cooking you could only get from home.

Why I love it: The food is cooked with fresh ingredients and the finest cuts of meats and fish preparing as it is ordered. They offer great tasting food and excellent service.

SHARON BROWN, *Tourism Sales Manager*

Cajun Roux Bar & Grill

5220 Peridot Place, Suite 132, Hoover, AL 35244

I like the relaxed environment at Cajun Roux Bar & Grill. It offers delicious food, excellent beverages, and beautiful surroundings.

Favorite Dishes : Chicken & Sausage Gumbo & Catfish Plaquemine

CHRISTALAN RICHARDSON, *Tourism Sales Manager*

Giuseppe's Café

925 8th Street South, Birmingham, AL 35205

Opened in 202 and located in Birmingham's South Side Gable Square district, this restaurant is true embodiment of Southern hospitality and community spirit. It serves hearty flavor packed Italian dishes in generous portions.

Why I love it: The seven vegetable penne and cheesebread are absolutely delicious. The cheesebread is served open-faced, with butter, garlic, and topped with mozzarella, then oven toasted and cut into strips – perfect for dipping in the marinara sauce.

TARA WALTON, *Workforce Development Director*

The Bright Star Restaurant

304 19th Street North, Bessemer, AL 35020

The Bright Star is not just food; it's the warmth and authenticity that fills every corner of the restaurant. The Greek inspired seafood and perfectly seasoned steaks are unforgettable. As the oldest continuously Operated restaurant in Alabama, Bright Star isn't chasing trends, it's honoring legacy.

Favorite Dish: The Greek-style snapper is delicious!

SARA HAMLIN, *Vice President of Tourism*